

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the above-captioned application. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement in the Office Action in which it is urged that there are three separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. In response, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-11 of Group I.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at a later time.

Applicants make the election without traverse.

Any questions with respect to the foregoing may be directed to Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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